

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 1, 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Federal Facility Ridesharing Program

Executive Order 12191 , which I signed on February 1, 1980, directs each of you to set federal employee ridesharing goals for each federal facility under your jurisdiction and to institute enabling actions and programs for achieving those goals.

This Order complements Circular A-118 issued by the Office of Management and Budget to institute parking fees at federal facilities in metropolitan areas. It also fulfills a commitment I made in October, 1979, to "issue an Executive Order mandating aggressive efforts by federal agencies and installations to increase carpooling, vanpooling, and use of mass transit by federal employees." (This and other steps being taken by the Administration to promote ridesharing are described in the attached White House pamphlet.)

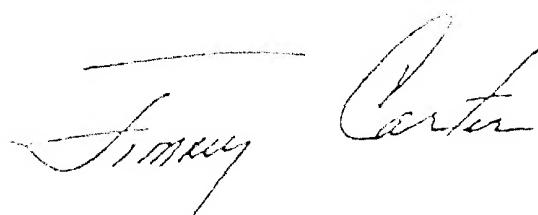
In addition to the specific requirements of this Order, I expect Agencies to take all feasible actions under current law to provide ridesharing incentives. Potential incentives include:

- o providing for flexibility in working hours to facilitate employee ridesharing arrangements, if this will result in net energy savings;
- o reserving the majority of conveniently located parking spaces for carpools and vanpools;
- o encouraging federal employees' credit unions to establish favorable commuter vanpool financing arrangements;
- o providing opportunities for employees to form vanpools through third-party leasing arrangements;
- o scheduling meetings at times that will not interfere with employees' ridesharing arrangements;
- o providing convenient places and opportunities for employees to meet potential ridesharers;
- o facilitating the installation of public transportation information kiosks and passenger shelters on government property;

- o facilitating the distribution of monthly transit passes;
- o encouraging major federal contractors to promote ridesharing at their facilities; and
- o recognizing through agency awards those employees who are instrumental in establishing effective ridesharing programs or who contribute valuable ridesharing ideas.

The energy savings potential of ridesharing is enormous. Since the home-to-work commute is the most routine and predictable component of all driving, it is the most adaptable to regular sharing arrangements. The Federal government must provide leadership by encouraging its own employees to rideshare -- and to demonstrate that ridesharing can save energy, reduce congestion, improve air quality, and expand options for safe and economical personal travel.

The Administrator of the General Services Administration in consultation with the Department of Transportation will report to me annually on the reasonableness of the goals established by the Agencies and the effectiveness of steps being taken to achieve those goals. This report will compare the efforts of federal agencies in promoting ridesharing under this Order with actions of the private sector and recommend any further legislative or administrative actions that might be appropriate to eliminate barriers or to provide additional incentives to encourage ridesharing.


Jimmy Carter